

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A braking system for inline skates comprising:

~~A~~a brake lever₁; and

a brake rail₂

said brake lever extending from behind ~~the~~a heel of ~~the~~a skate towards ~~the~~a front portion of the skate where said brake lever is hingedly connected to ~~the skates~~a skate frame₃

said brake rail positioned inside said skate frame above ~~the~~a plurality of wheels ~~including a front wheel and a rear wheel~~, and

said brake rail extending ~~the full length between the outer wheels~~front wheel and the rear wheel and hingedly connected to said brake lever at ~~the~~a mid portion between ~~said outer wheel~~the front wheel and the rear wheel.

2. (Currently Amended) The braking system of claim 1, wherein the braking system is activated by means of a rearward movement of ~~the~~a pivoting ankle support₄, whereby a downward force is transferred to ~~the~~a rear portion of said brake lever₁, causing a downward movement of both said brake lever and said brake rail₂, said brake rail thereby contacting the ~~rotating plurality of~~ wheels causing braking by means of a frictional restriction of ~~the~~ rotational movement of said plurality of wheels in direct proportion to the ~~variable~~ downward force applied to said rear portion of said brake lever₁, said ~~variable~~ downward force being directly proportional to ~~the~~a force by which ~~the~~a lower leg is straightened.

3. (Currently Amended) The braking system of claim 1, wherein the brake rail facilitates even wheel wear both regarding lateral curvature and diameter of the plurality of wheels by means of said brake rail being inflexible and by means of a section of said brake rail conforming to said lateral curvature of said plurality of wheels.

4. (Currently Amended) The braking system of claim 1, further comprising:
means to prevent contact between said brake rail and said plurality of wheels when said braking system is not activated.

5. (Currently Amended) The braking system of claim 1, further comprising:
means of brake activation comprising a vertically adjustable trigger rod mounted behind the heel on ~~the a~~ pivoting ankle support, said brake activation means adjustable in relation to ~~the a~~ forward leaning angle of said pivoting ankle support by means of adjusting said trigger rod up or down corresponding to a pre-selected forward leaning angle of said pivoting ankle support for ~~said~~ brake activation, said trigger rod provided with means for adjustable and resilient contact pressure against ~~said a~~ rear portion of said brake lever.